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SUBJECT: QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE, OECD

1. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH SCICOUNS, DEPUTY SYG ELDIN DISCUSSED THE DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR POSITION. HIS COMMENTS, WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW, ALSO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN CONSIDERING ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BOTH INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS AND THOSE PROVIDED BY DELEGATIONS. MISSION POINTS OUT THAT THE JOB IS NOT NECESSARILY A U.S. POSITION. THE U.S., WHICH HAS HELD THE TOP ENVIRONMENT POSITION FOR EIGHT YEARS, IS NOW WELL REPRESENTED AT HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SECRETARIAT (BECKLER, DIRECTOR DSTI; HANNUM, DEPUTY DG NEA; AND KLEIN, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY R&D - IEA). HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT U.S. CANDIDATE(S) IF PRESENTED WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY, WILL RECEIVE FAIR CONSIDERATION IN THE SELCTION OF A NEW ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR.

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2. IN HIS REMARKS, ELDIN STRESSED THREE THEMES: (A) MANAGEMENT SKILLS, (B) LEADERSHIP, AND (C) PROFESSIONAL STATURE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ECONOMICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. HE ALSO MENTIONED AS IMPORTANT ATTRIBUTES: DIPLOMATIC SKILL, ENERGY
AND DRIVE., WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY, PUBLIC SPEAKING ABILITY, KNOWLEDGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

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AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, AND BILINGUAL SKILLS. HE OBSERVED THAT A USEFUL PROFESSIONAL DESICRPTION MIGHT BE "AN ENVIRONMENTALLY MINDED ECONOMIST" OR "AN ECONOMICS MINDED ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST". THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ECONOMICS INGREDIENT WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SELEC-TION OF THE NEW DIRECTOR, AS WELL AS IN THE FUTURE WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT.
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